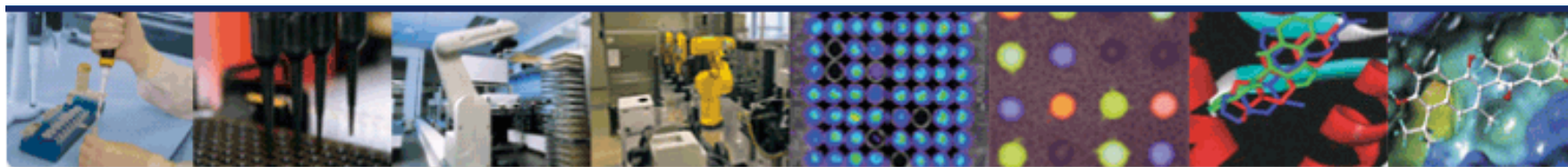




# **Funding Opportunity: Assays for High-Throughput Screening in the Molecular Libraries Probe Production Centers Network**

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# Chemical Probes to Perturb Cell Signaling

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## siRNA

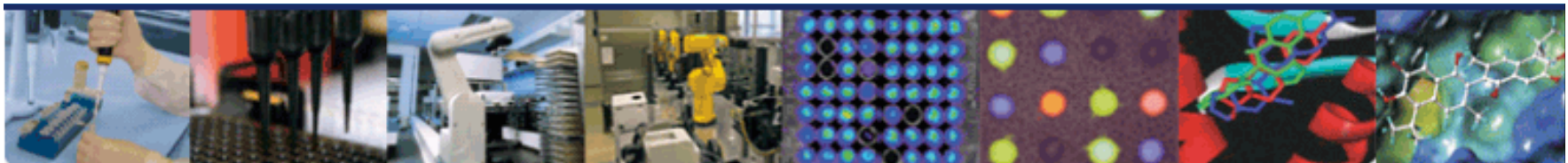
- Gene-specific loss of function of whole protein;
- Relatively slow action (hrs to days)



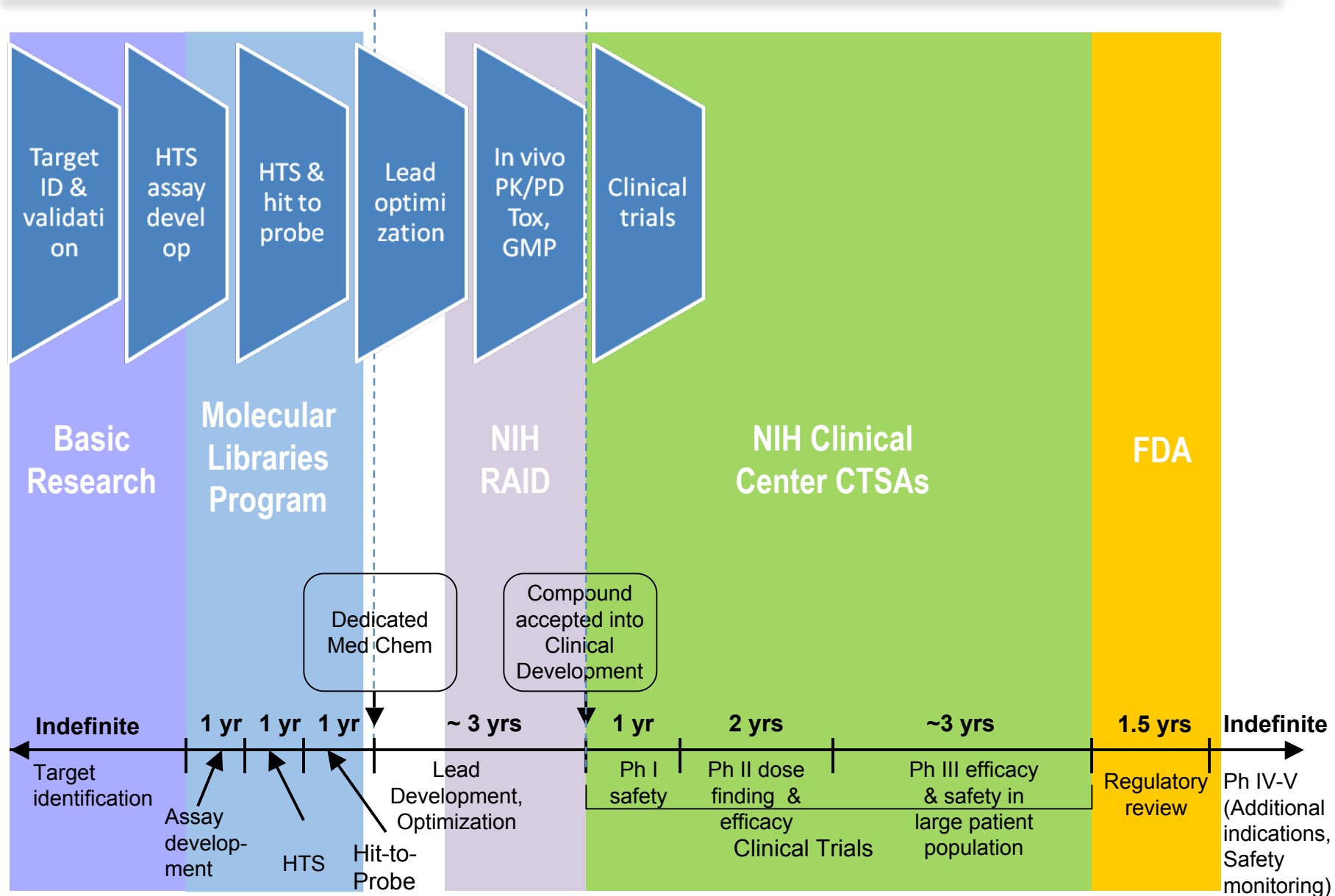
## Chemical

- Graded modulation via binding (+/- etc);
- Rapid and reversible action;
- Tissue penetration

76 probe reports by September 2009  
<https://mli.nih.gov/mli/mlp-probes/>



# Chemical Probes for Drug Discovery



# Molecular Libraries Program is a Multidisciplinary Team Effort

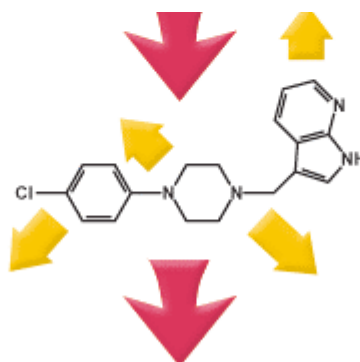


HTS Assays from the  
Community

Compounds  
from the SMR



MLPCN Screening  
Centers Network

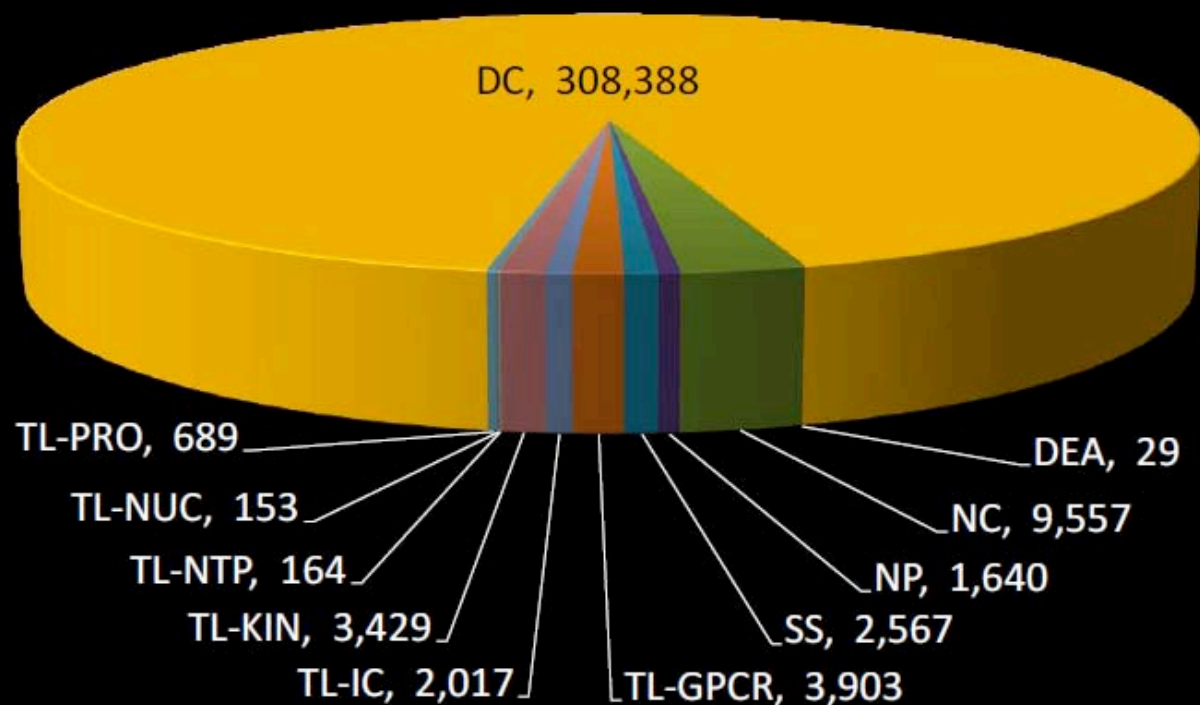


PubChem



## NIH MLSMR Compound Collection March 2009

332,536  
Compounds

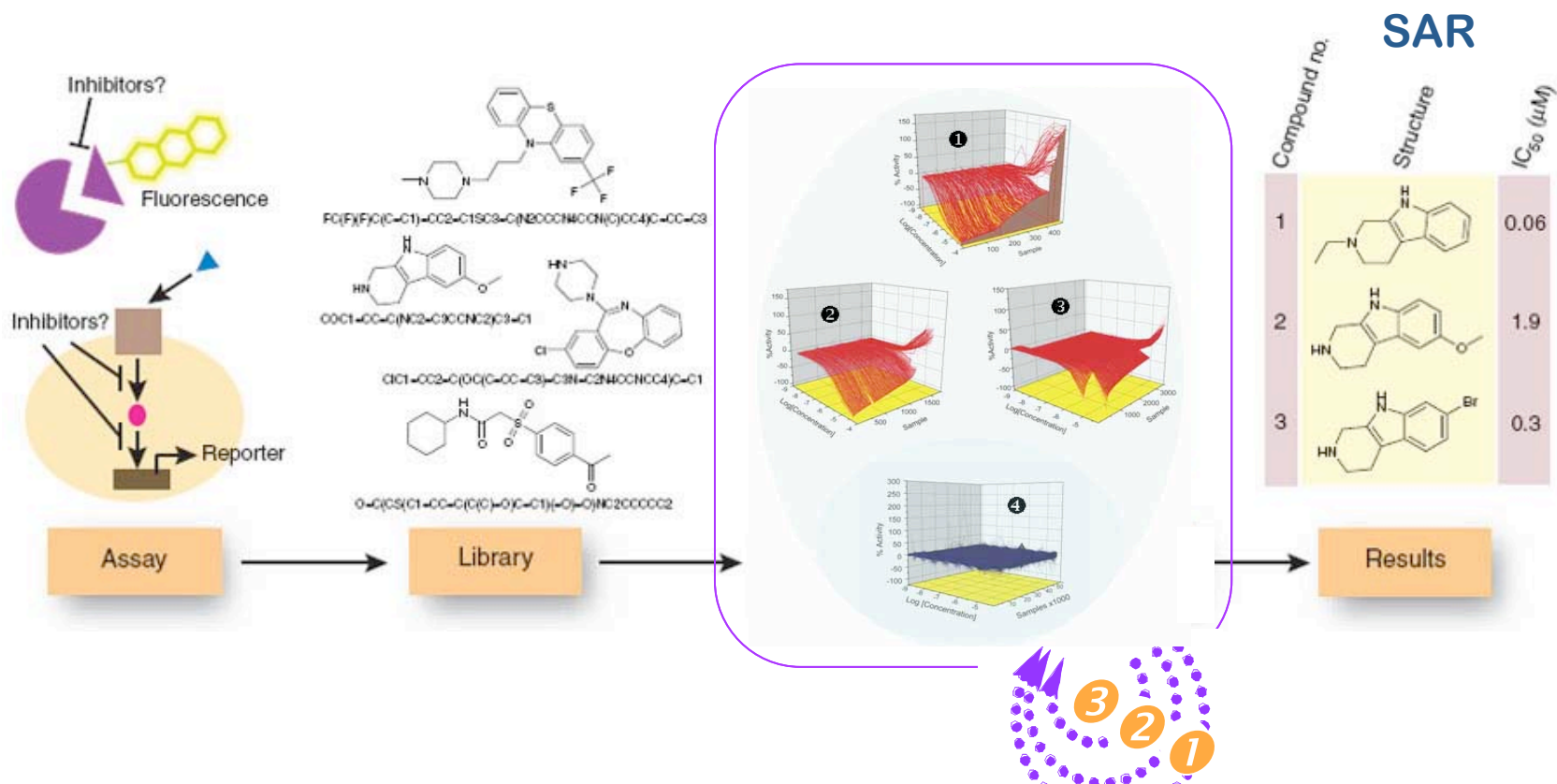


DC = Diversity Compound Set  
NC = Non-commercial  
TL-KIN = Kinase Targeted Library  
TL-GPCR = GPCR Targeted Library  
TL-IC = Ion Channel Targeted Library

TL-PRO = Protease Targeted Library  
TL-NUC = Nuclear Receptor Targeted  
TL-NTP = National Toxicology Program  
SS = Known Bioactives  
NP = Natural Products  
DEA = DEA Controlled Substances

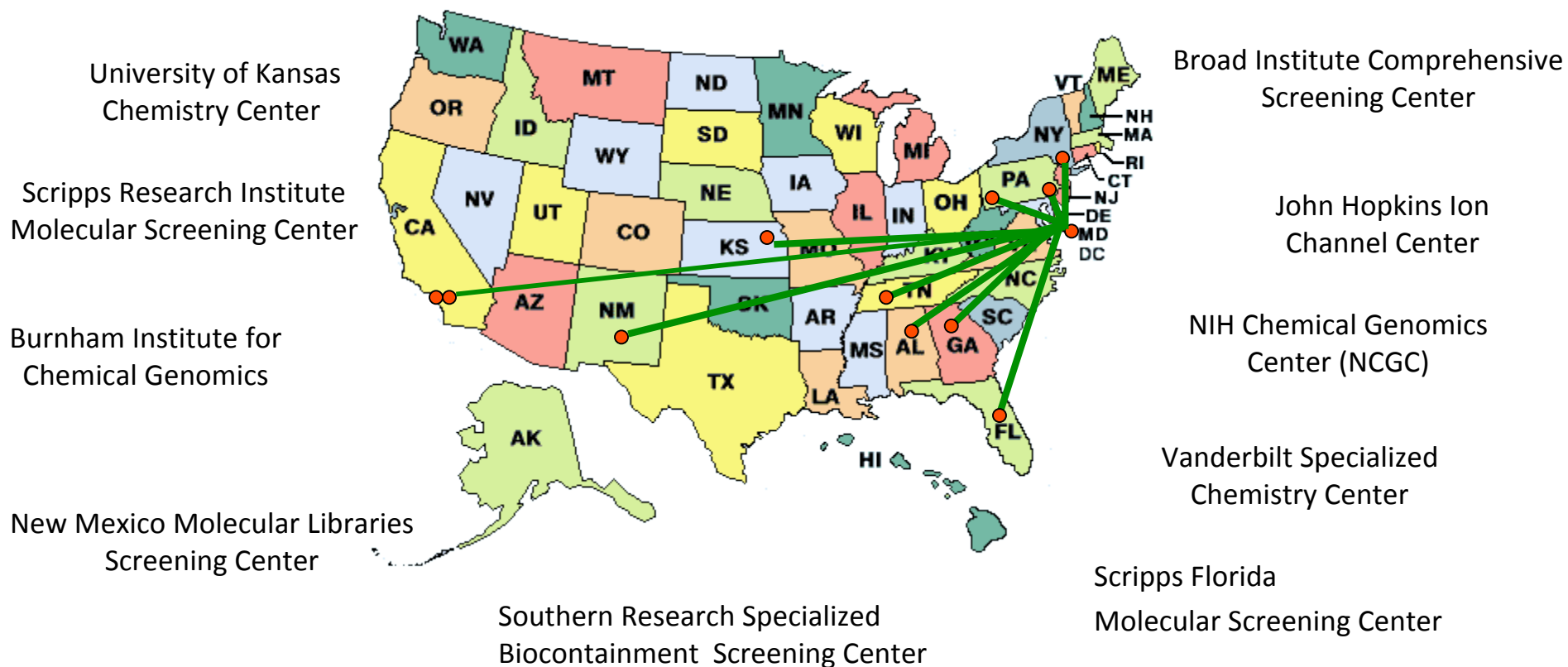


# HTS Methods to Develop Chemical Probes



Courtesy of NCGC

# NIH Molecular Libraries Probe Production Center Network (MLPCN)



# MLPCN Center Capabilities

(visit <http://mli.nih.gov/mli/>)

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- **Comprehensive Centers**

**Burnham, Broad, NCGC, and Scripps –**

Biochemical, cell-based, phenotypic, HCS (microscopic imaging) assays; qHTS, BSL-2, GPCR, nuclear receptor, protein-protein, enzyme, reporter gene, etc. Cheminformatic analyses of hits, SAR expansion (analog by catalog and synthesis),

- **Specialized Screening Centers**

**Johns Hopkins –** ion channel, automated patch clamp assays

**U New Mexico –** Flow cytometry based multiplex assays for multiple targets;

**Southern Research Institute –** BSL-2/3 biocontainment assays

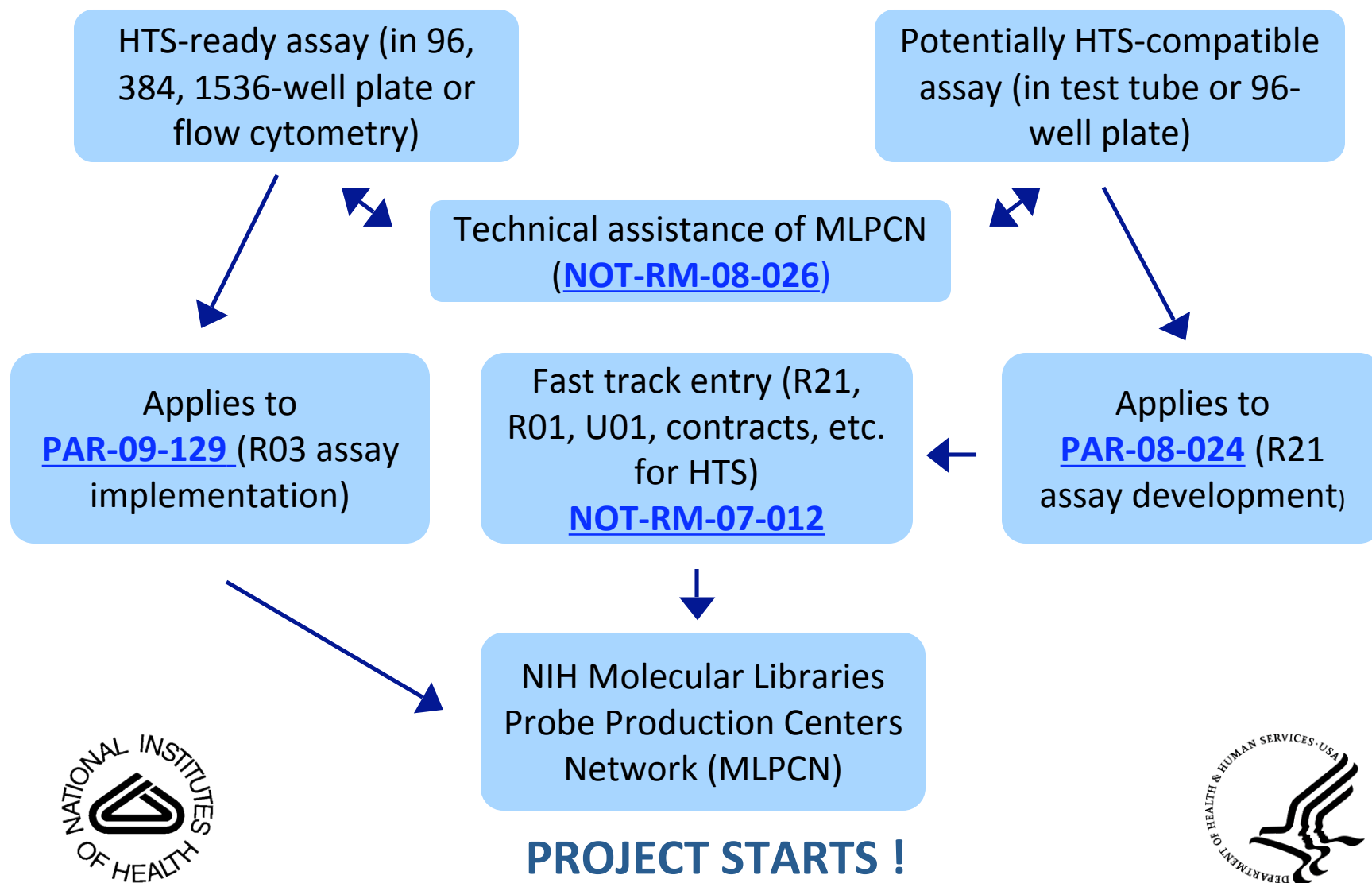
- **Specialized Chemistry Centers**

**Kansas, and Vanderbilt –**

Cheminformatic analyses of hits, SAR expansion (analog by catalog and synthesis), iterative parallel synthesis approach coupled with medicinal chemistry design



# How to Access HTS and Chemistry Resources of MLPCN



# “On-Ramps” to the MLPCN

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## ❑ **Solicitation of Assays for HTS (PAR-09-129)**

- 2-year HTS and probe development project (R03)
- \$50k (direct costs) provided for MLPCN collaboration
- 3 receipt dates/year (next date: January 4, 2010)

## ❑ **Assay Development for HTS (PAR-08-024)**

- 1 year upstream of MLPCN entry (R21)
- \$100K of funding, expedited entry to the Network when HTS ready, \$25k (direct costs) provided for MLPCN collaboration
- 2 receipt dates/year (next date: November 20, 2009)

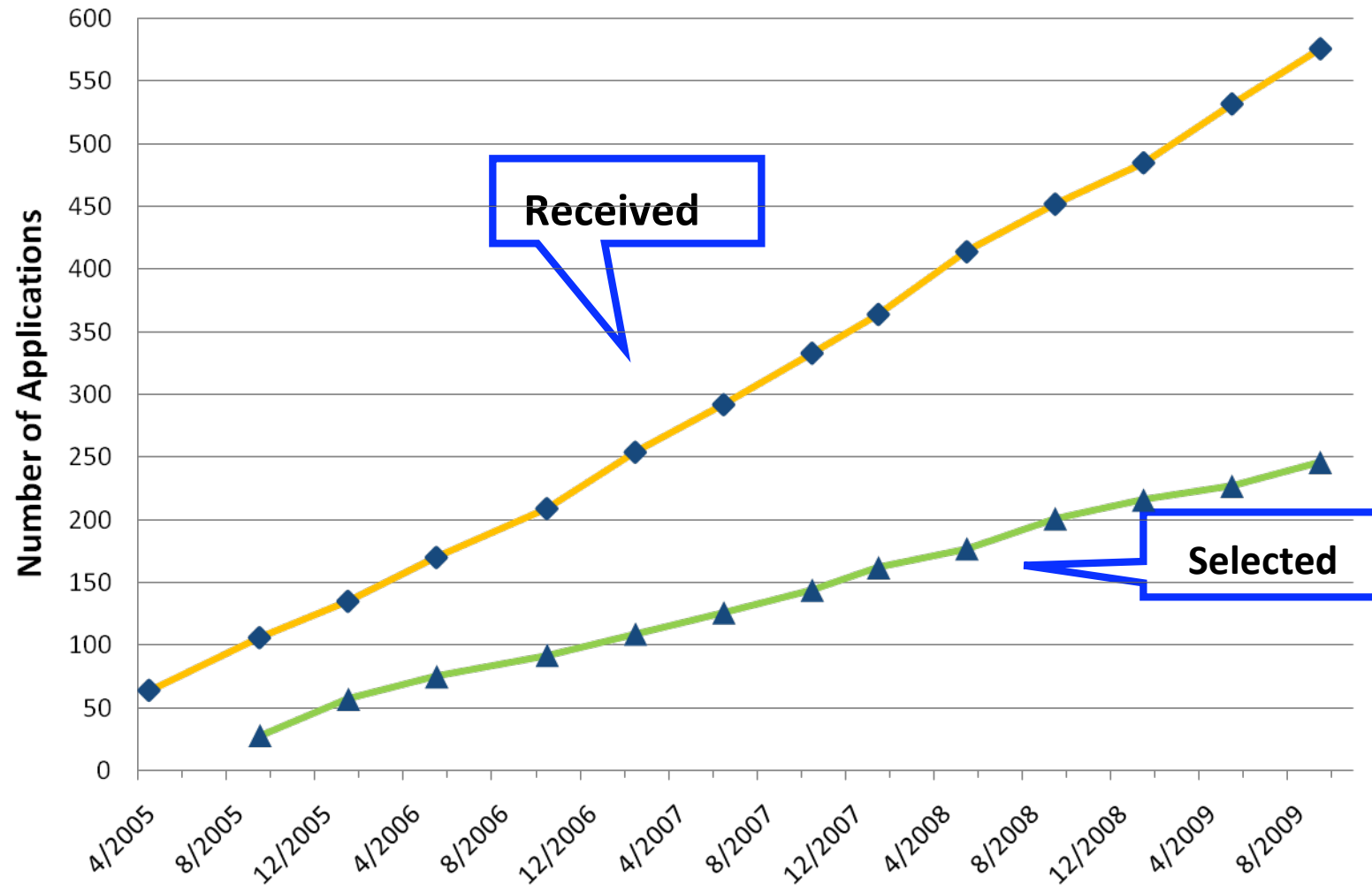
## ❑ ***Fast Track* entry to the MLPCN (NOT RM-07-012)**

- Monthly RM Project Team review
- All NIH grants & Sponsored Programs in which HTS and small molecule probe development is an objective are eligible

# PAR-09-129 HTS-ready Assay Applications (R03)

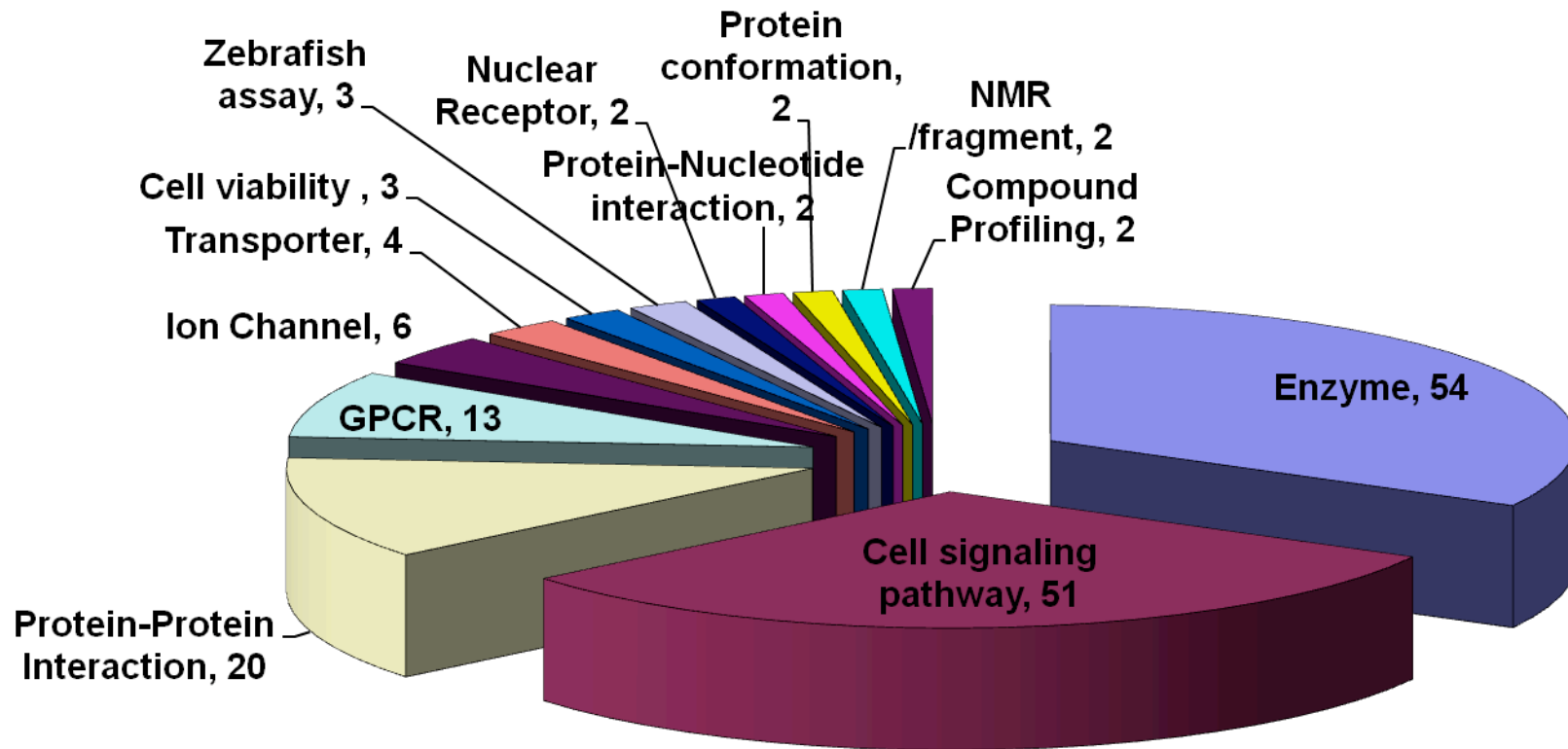
Received 576 Applications, Awarded 246 Applications

## HTS-ready Applications

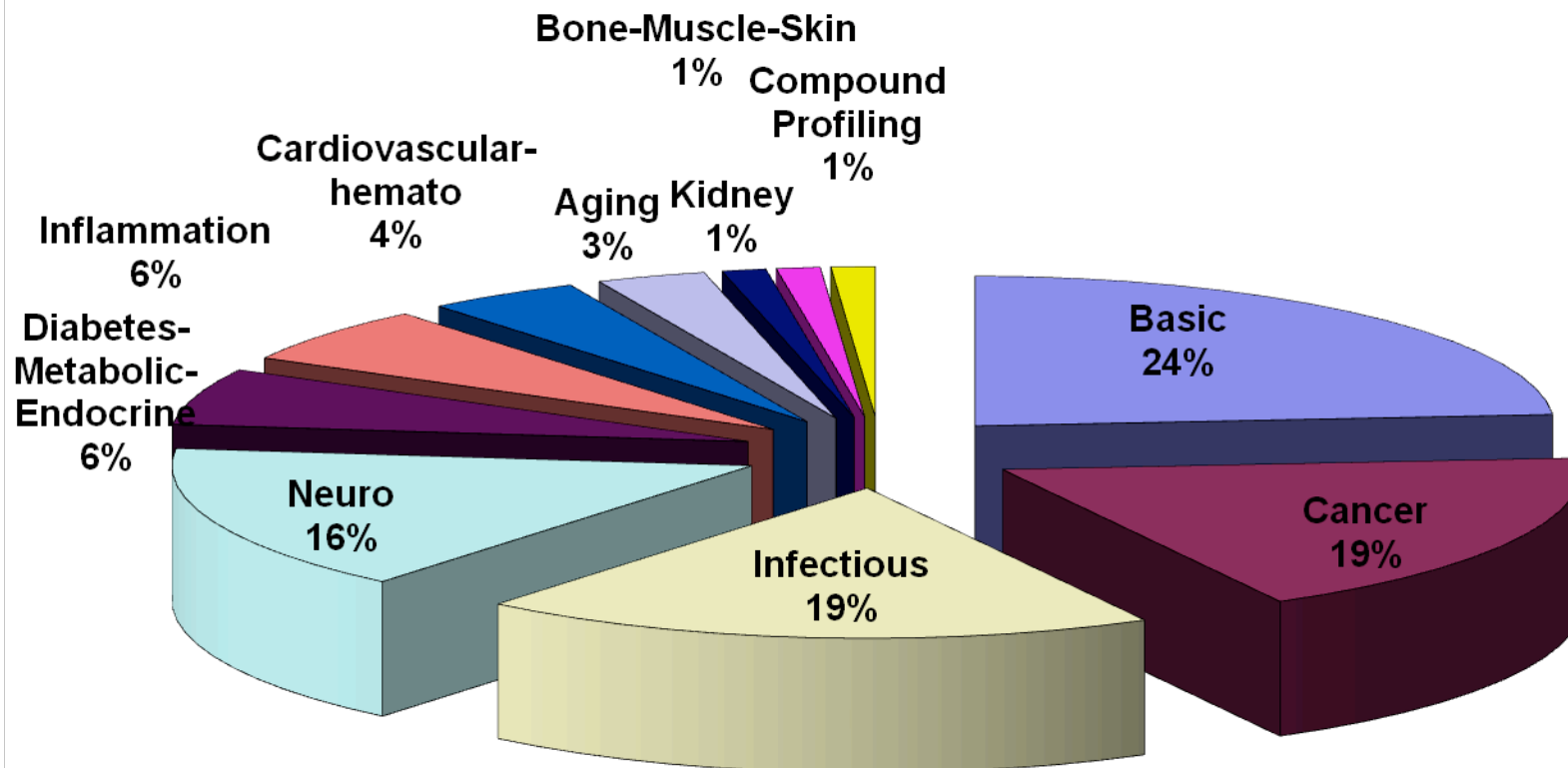


# MLP Assay Target Portfolio

164 MLSCN grant projects



# Research Fields of MLP Projects (MLSCN)



# Guidelines for HTS R03 Applicants

PAR-09-129 (R03)

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If you have never applied for an NIH grant, please visit  
<http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/index.htm>

<b>DON'T DELAY, REGISTER NOW!</b>	<b>Grants.gov</b>			<b>eRA Commons</b>
	<b>CCR registration (requires DUNS #)</b>	<b>Obtain and register Grants.gov credentials</b>	<b>Authorize Organization Rep.</b>	<b>eRA Commons Registration (Org. registration requires DUNS #)</b>
<b>Principal Investigators</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Institutions/ Organizations</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>



# Guidelines for HTS R03 Applicants

PAR-09-129 Solicitation of Assays for High Throughput Screening (HTS) in the Molecular Libraries Probe Production Centers Network (MLPCN) (R03)

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- **Emphasis on significance of targets/phenotypes, especially targets/ phenotypes for which selective and potent small molecule modulators are not available to the public (check PubChem and provide compelling rationale)**
- **Provide preliminary primary assay and hit validation assay data for HTS readiness:  $Z' \geq 0.5$  (show plate data with a pilot screen of ~2,000 compounds)**
- **Provide a plan for hit follow-up assays that are crucial for the optimization of chemical probes (e.g. selectivity, cellular activity etc.) or for the determination of mechanisms of action**

# Guidelines for HTS R03 Applicants

PAR-09-129 Solicitation of Assays for High Throughput Screening (HTS) in the Molecular Libraries Probe Production Centers Network (MLPCN) (R03)

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- For technical assistance by Center staff, please submit an online form:

<http://mli.nih.gov/mli/mlpcn/access-to-technical-assistance-of-mlpcn/tech-assistance-request-form/>

- For HTS assay methodology, view Assay Guidance Manual

<http://www.ncgc.nih.gov/guidance/index.html>

- For Program assistance, please contact:

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The next submission date is 1/4/2010